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SUBJECT: (U) LATER EVENTS IN THE AMAYA, BARREIROS AND JARA
DE CABEZAS CASES

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1. - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. LILIANA AMAYA HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND IS IN JAIL, SECURITY
OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF TODAY (MAY 14). SHE IS REPORTED IN
"GOOD CONDITION" AND WILL BE REMANDED TO A FEDERAL JUDGE
NEXT WEEK -- WE DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT CHARGE. SECURITY FORCES
ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY SAY NOTHING PUBLICLY ABOUT THE CASE
BEFORE A JUDGE HAS ACTED FORMALLY UPON IT. SEE REF B.

3. THE MOTHER OF ROBERTO BARREIROS, MRS. ARTOLA, TOLD
EMBOFF BY PHONE TODAY THAT SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
HER ON ON MAY 12, POSTMARKED FROM URUGUAY, SAYING THAT
HE AND HIS WIFE MARIA ROSA WERE WELL AND IN URUGUAY --
BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT BE CONTACTED "FOR SECURITY
REASONS". HE WROTE THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD RETURN
HOME IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AND THAT HIS MOTHER SHOULD
NOT WORRY. MRS. ARTOLA TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE IS
CONVINCED THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY HER SON. THE
LETTER WAS THE FIRST COMMUNICATION SHE RECEIVED FROM
THE PAIR SINCE A PHONE CALL FROM HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
ON APRIL 28.

GKSEE REF C.) MRS. ARTOLA ASSURED
EMBOFF THAT THE PHONE CONVERSATION WAS AUTHENTIC
AND TWO-WAY AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A RECORDING.
SHE EVIDENCED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE LETTER
AND PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY WHEN HER SON COMMUNICATES
AGAIN OR ARRIVES HOME.

4. THE BARREIROS' LETTER SOUNDS SIMILAR TO THE ONE
RECEIVED BY FRIENDS OF THELMA JARA DE CABEZAS, SAYING
SHE WAS ALL RIGHT AND IN THE "EXTERIOR," AS REPORTED
IN REFTEL B. WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE IN
GETTING HOLD OF JARA DE CABEZAS' ACQUAINTANCES TO
VERIFY THE LETTER AND RECENT PHONE CALL, BUT HOPE TO
ARRANGE CONTACT WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO. WE ARE ALSO PURSUING
THE MATTER WITH USUAL ARGENTINE OFFICIAL CONTACTS.

5. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING OUR RELIEF AT THESE REPORTS,
WE FIND THE SITUATION OF MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS AND THE
BARREIROS PERPLEXING -- UNACCOUNTABLE EVEN.

6. FOR MONTEVIDEO: ANY LEADS ON THE BARREIROS' PRESENCE
IN URUGUAY OR ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN COOPERATION IN HOLDING
OR DEPORTING ARGENTINE CITIZENS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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